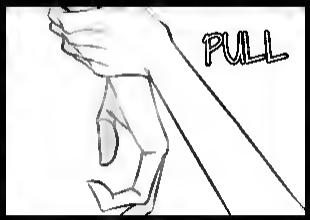
HE CAME A COUPLE DAYS AGO WITH HIS MOM.
SORRY SAKURA, I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW.
THEY TOLD ME THEY'RE MOVING. AND THAT WAS THAT.
APPARENTLY THEY'RE STAYING IN TEMPORARY HOMES AS OF NOW.
BUT TO THINK THEY DIDN'T EVEN TELL YOU...
TEMPORARY HOMES...
Here! Eat, eat!
DON'T HOLD BACK.
YOU WERE OUT FOR 10 DAYS. SO IT'S LIKE A WELCOME BACK PARTY?
chatter
chatter
THIS IS A BIT MUCH..

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE NATSUKI [illegible]P- PEARED
AFTER I COL LAPSED THAT DAY I STAYED IN BED FOR A COUPLE DAYS.
AND NOW THAT I'M FINALLY [illegible]ACK...
HEY, THAT GUY...
ISN'T HE THE SENPAI THAT WAS WITH KUWAHARA A LOT?
whisper
DO YOU THINK HE KNOWS WHERE KUWAHARA WENT?
whisper
APPARENTLY HE DOESN'T SOMEONE ALREADY ASKED
whisper
SERIOUSLY?
WOW, SO NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE WENT...
YOU THINK SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED? KUWAHARA S FAMILY-
CLACK

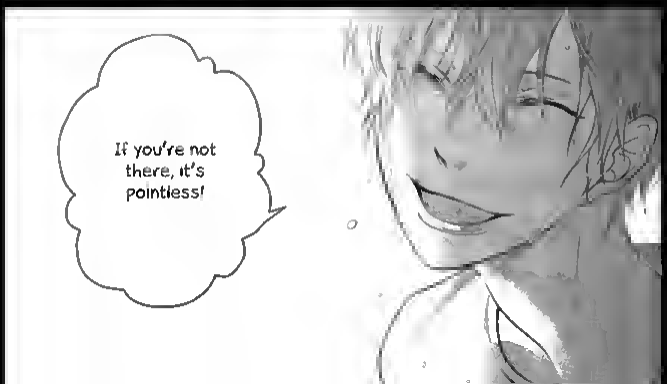
I THINK I'LL LEAVE EARLY
SORRY
STAYING IN TEMPORARY HOMES, SO THEY HAVEN'T OFFICIALLY MOVED YET
MAYBE HE'S CLOSE BY
SOMEWHERE HE'D GO...

The ocean is great!
I want to live somewhere next to it!
Like I said,
whoosh
Buh-
SPLASH
THAT SOUNDS NICE.
HEY, DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE CLOSE TO THE OCEAN?
WHY DON'T YOU?
HAHA
You're way too excited!
You can't hide it!
HAHA
HAHA
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!

Uwah-
SPLASH


PULL

It's cold!
HAHA, WHY ME TOO?!
YOU'RE LIVING THERE TOO!


If you're not there, it's pointless!

THEY BROKE IT DOWN QUICKLY
HM?
売地
LAND FOR SALE
Utou real estate
TEL:xxx-xxxx-x
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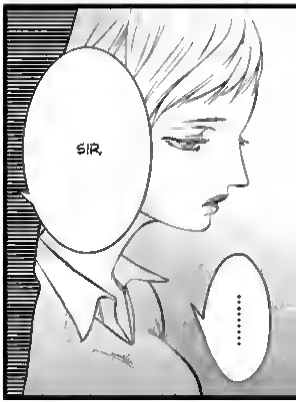
OH!

AS YOU SAID, KUWAHARA-SAMA SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH US,
BUT WE CAN'T REVEAL THEIR PRIVATE INFORMATION
I'M VERY SORRY
IS THERE ANY WAY?
Please!
He's my best friend!
Everyone at school is looking for him too!

LIKE WE'VE BEEN SAYING,
WE'RE UNABLE TO REVEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION OF OUR CUSTOMERS


SIR,
.....

YOU'RE BOTHERING THE OTHER VISITORS,
PLEASE FIND YOURSELF OUT

I'M
SORRY

I'm taking a break at 15:00. meet me at the store two stations from here
DING
slide
HEY.

SKIPPING SCHOOL,
AND COMING TO MY WORKPLACE YOU DAMN BRAT!
OBORO-NII... LONG TIME NO SEE...
A hot coffee for me
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER AND THIS IS HOW YOU GO ABOUT IT?
SORRY,
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPARE...
SO IT'S ABOUT NATSUKI
clack
YEAH,
OBORO-NII YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ACCEPTED, RIGHT?

AFTER THEIR DAD DIED, THEY CAME TO TALK ABOUT MOVING
I THOUGHT THEY'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH SOMEONE THEY KNEW SO I ACCEPTED
THERE WAS THE PROBLEM WITH MONEY,
BUT FOR THE MOM, THERE MUST'VE BEEN TOO MANY THINGS HERE THAT REMINDED HER OF HIM
THOUGH I'M WORRIED FOR NATSUKI TOO
Tell me!
HE WAS MAKING SUCH A CORNERED FACE
Squeeze
Where he is!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO?

IF I DON'T MEET HIM,
I...

HERE

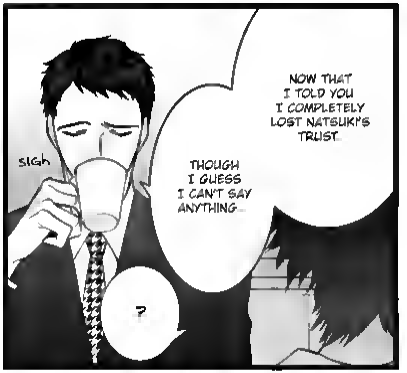
GO THERE
rustle

I'm very sorry sir
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE PESTERING?
DON'T MAKE MY KOUHAI TROUBLED
THAT PERSON WAS TROU-BLED? WITH THAT FACE?
gulp
gulp

...!
THANK YOU...!

!
JUMP
THEY SAID TEMPORARY
SO THEY MIGHT STILL BE THERE

DON'T TELL ANYONE WHERE WE'RE GOING,
NATSUKI KEPT TELLING ME THIS
OBORO-NII...


NOW THAT I TOLD YOU I COMPLETELY LOST NATSUKI'S TRUST.
SIGH
THOUGH I GUESS I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING...
?

I'LL JUST TELL YOU THIS

DON'T TELL HIM...
DON'T TELL YUNI...!

RIGHT NOW,
YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON HE WANTS TO SEE

RATTLE
SEEING HIM IN THAT STATE,
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?
RATTLE
XXX-XXXX
THEN WE'LL GO BACK
RATTLE
WHAT DO I PLAN TO DO?
FIRST I'LL TELL HIM EVERYTHING I WANT TO TELL HIM
RATTLE
TO BEING "FRIENDS"

I WONDER IF WE CAN GO BACK TO THAT...
AFTER DOING SUCH A THING...

gulp
I DIDN'T KNOW
NATSUKI COULD MAKE FACES LIKE THAT...

pant
pant
pant
PSSHH
THE DOOR IS CLOSING
OF COURSE WE CAN'T GO BACK
WHY DO I
STILL WANT TO SEE HIM THIS BADLY
SO..

DING
DONG

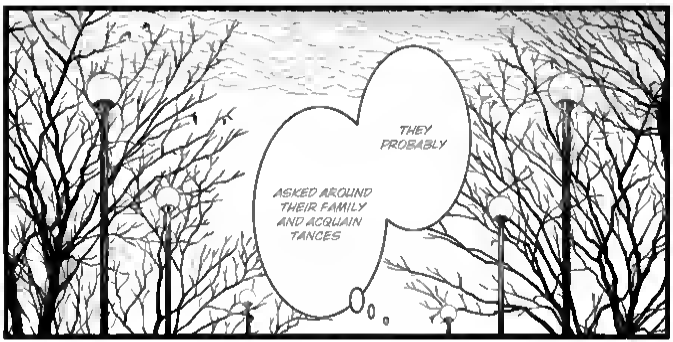
clack
clack

DING
DONG
THEY'RE NOT HOME?
IT SHOULD BE HERE...

UM...

THEY MOVED AWAY A WEEK AGO.
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING FROM THE PEOPLE THAT LIVED THERE?

SO RIGHT NOW, THAT ROOM IS EMPTY...
THEY FOUND AN OFFICIAL PLACE TO LIVE,
SO THEY LEFT


THEY PROBABLY ASKED AROUND THEIR FAMILY AND ACQUAIN TANCES

I WONDER IF DETECTIVES ALSO FIND PEOPLE
YOU CAN'T! HERE LET'S GO!
WHYY~
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK!

I DON'T WANNA GO BAACCK—
YEAH.
SEE YOU.
I'LL GO BACK, TAKE A SHOWER, THEN SLEEP.
DON'T SAY THAT.
HERE, LET'S GO.
IF WE LEAVE, YOU'RE GOING HOME, RIGHT?
OPEN
HEY!
Hahaha, you're so lame!

PULL
I SAID ON!
UROH-
YOU KNOW, I WORRY SOMETIMES.
...
OW, OW!
KICK
KICK
YOU...
PROBABLY CAN'T LIVE IF YOU'RE NOT WITH ME
THAT'S RIGHT-

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
SO DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND.
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID THAT-
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LEFT ME

WE DON'T HAVE TO,
GO BACK TO BEING FRIENDS
YOU LIAR
IT'LL BE POINTLESS IF YOU'RE NOT THERE!
IT CAN BE SOMETHING OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE
BECAUSE
I WANT TO BE BY YOUR SIDE
I WANT TO SEE YOU

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON NATSUKI WANTS TO SEE
Damn it!
Then when can I?!
"I'VE DECIDED!"
I...
LOVE YOU.

I'LL GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS YOU
SO, WAIT FOR ME
IF YOU WERE TO STILL THINK OF ME
I'LL TAKE A GAMBLE
ON THOSE WORDS...

AND IF WE WERE TO MEET AGAIN,
THIS TIME,
FOR SURE

Huh?! The national constitu-tion?
Why? We were supposed to take that course our freshmen year!
APPARENTLY THIS GUY
COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT LAST YEAR AND TOOK A DIFFERENT COURSE!

And what was it? "Jet coaster entrance"?!
WHAT'S WITH THAT, HAHA.
IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY, YOU KNOW?
THEY TOLD US SO MANY TIMES WE HAD TO TAKE IT OUR FRESHMAN YEAR,
YOU'RE OUT OF IT IN WEIRD AREAS
EVERY FRESHMAN TAKES THAT. YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY SOPHOMORE.
See you later!

CLACK
HUH?
"EVERY FRESH-MAN"
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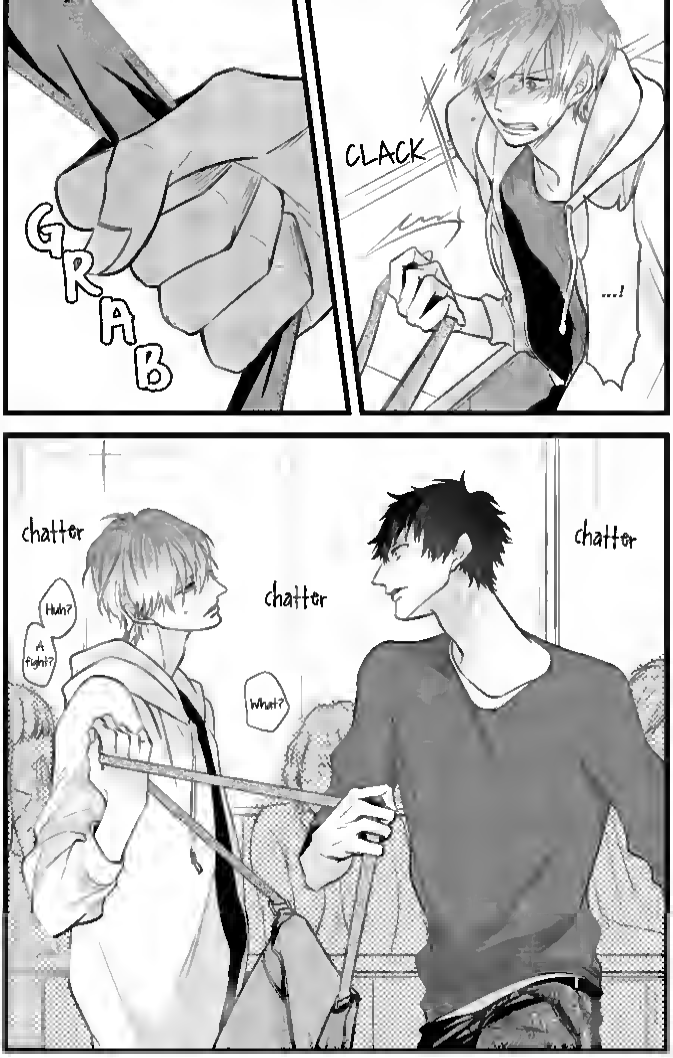
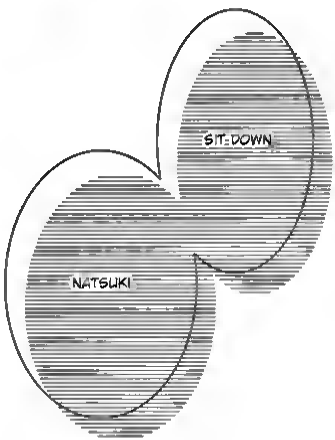
chatter
WHOA-
IT IS AMAZING
EXCUSE ME,
IS THIS SEAT TAKEN?
OH,
GO-

AHEAD...


GRAB
CLACK
...!
chatter
chatter
chatter
Huh?
A fight?
What?



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